

What is claimed is:

1. A non-volatile semiconductor memory device comprising:

5 a memory cell array including a plurality of memory cells arranged in a column direction and a row direction, wherein:

each of the memory cells has a source region, a drain region, a channel region disposed between the source region and the drain region, a word gate disposed to face the channel region, and a non-volatile memory element provided between the word gate and the channel region; and

10 a longitudinal section of the word gate has a base, a side which is perpendicular to the base, and a curved side which connects the base to the side.

2. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 1, wherein:

15 each of the memory cells has a word gate support section which faces the side of the word gate; and

a longitudinal section of the word gate support section has a base, a side which is perpendicular to the base, and a curved side which connects the base to the side.

3. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 2, wherein:

20 a bitline is connected in common to the drain regions of the memory cells in each column; and

the word gate support section is formed of an insulator.

4. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 2, wherein:

25 a bitline is connected in common to the source regions of the memory cells in each column; and

the word gate support section is formed of an insulator.

5. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 2, wherein:
a bitline is connected in common to the drain regions of the memory cells in each column;

5 the word gate support section is formed of a conductor; and
the word gate support section is insulated from the word gate and the drain region.

6. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 1, wherein:

10 a bitline is connected in common to the source regions of the memory cells in each column;

the non-volatile semiconductor memory device further comprises a conductor which is electrically connected to the drain region and is insulated from the word gate in each of the memory cells.

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7. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 2,
wherein the non-volatile memory element is formed to extend between the word gate and the word gate support section.

20 8. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 6,
wherein the non-volatile memory element is formed to extend between the word gate and the conductor.

9. The non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 1,

25 wherein the non-volatile memory element is formed of an ONO film which includes two oxide films (O) and a nitride film (N) between the two oxide films (O).

10. A method of manufacturing a non-volatile semiconductor memory device, comprising:

forming a base material layer on a semiconductor layer and patterning the base material layer;

5 forming a trap layer on the entire surface of the semiconductor layer on which the base material layer is formed;

forming a first conductive layer on the trap layer, and shaping the first conductive layer into a plurality of sidewalls respectively provided on the sides of the patterned base material layer with the trap layer interposed;

10 forming a first insulating film which covers the sidewalls of the first conductive layer and the base material layer;

forming a second conductive layer which is in contact with the semiconductor layer between adjacent two of the sidewalls of the first conductive layer; and

shaping the base material layer into a plurality of sidewalls.

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11. The method of manufacturing a non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 10,

wherein the base material layer is an insulating layer.

20 12. The method of manufacturing a non-volatile semiconductor memory device as defined in claim 10,

wherein the base material layer is a conductive layer.

13. A method of manufacturing a non-volatile semiconductor memory device, comprising:

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forming a two-layer structure including a trap layer disposed on a semiconductor layer and a first conductive layer formed on the trap layer;

forming a plurality of word gate support sections each having a shape of sidewall respectively on the sides of the two-layer structure;

forming a second conductive layer which is in contact with the semiconductor layer between adjacent two of the word gate support sections;

5 shaping the first conductive layer into a plurality of word gate layers each having a shape of sidewall; and

etching part of the trap layer between adjacent two of the word gate layers.

14. A method of manufacturing a non-volatile semiconductor memory device,
10 comprising:

forming a first conductive layer which is in contact with a diffusion region in a semiconductor layer;

forming a trap layer on the entire surface of the semiconductor layer on which the first conductive layer is formed;

15 forming a second conductive layer on the trap layer;

shaping the second conductive layer into a plurality of sidewalls respectively provided on the sides of the first conductive layer; and

etching part of the trap layer between adjacent two of sidewalls of the second conductive layer.

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